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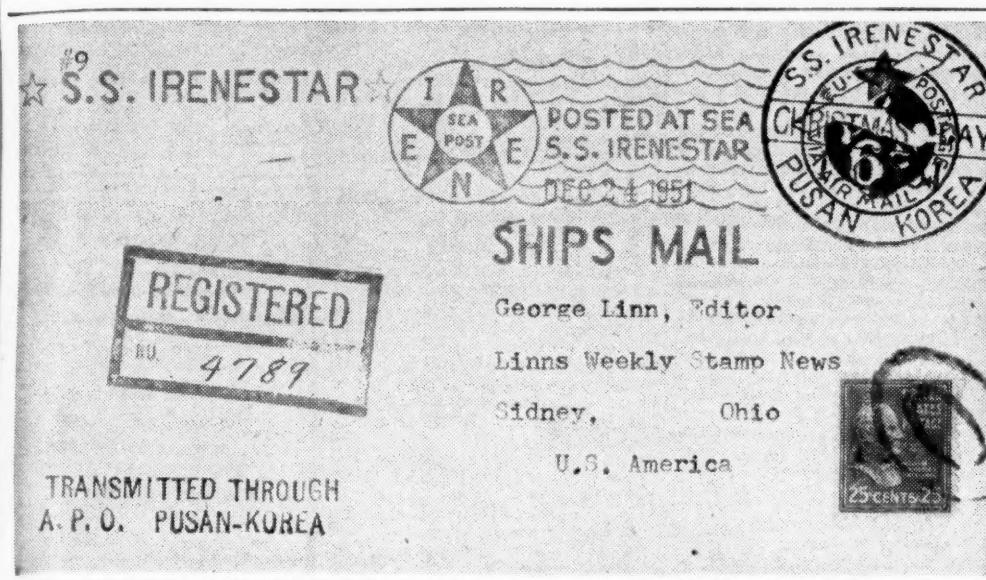
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African Festival In March

Stamps, Covers, Show
For 300th Anniversary
Van Riebeck Landing



On March 14 the Union of South Africa will issue a set of five commems to mark the Tercentenary of the Larding of Jan van Riebeck at the Cape of Good Hope. Denominations of the stamps, which are to be produced in panes of 120 will be 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 4/2d, and 1/-. While it is known that the wording on each stamp will be in English and Afrikaans, the actual designs are not known. The latter are to be announced in the very near future by the Postal Administration.

In keeping with a large scale national celebration of the event, there will be a Van Riebeck Festival Fair at Cape Town to open on March 14 and to close on April 5.

A post office designated "Van Riebeck" will be opened in the exhibition hall on March 14 and mail matter posted there will be postmarked with a date stamp bearing that name. This office will cease to exist April 5.

In addition to the above-named postmark, a special cancellation with a symbolic design and with the fixed date "6/4/52" (April 6, 1952) to commemorate the date of the landing of Van Riebeck will be available.

First class mail to be postmarked with this date stamp must be placed as directed below before the close of business on April 5.

Orders from outside the Union of South Africa for the servicing of plain or privately printed covers, and/or the supply of mint stamps must be addressed to: The Philatelic Agency, Publicity Section, General Post Office, Pretoria, Union of South Africa.

Such must be posted to reach the Philatelic Agency on or before March 7. All covers to be serviced must bear a name and address, indication of the stamps to be affixed, and a request to the postmaster to service them with the particular postmark of the two described above.

Collectors must supply their own envelopes. No more than one postmark will be impressed on each one.

Remittances are to be in the form of International Money Order made payable to the Postmaster General or the Philatelic Agency, Pretoria, Union of South Africa. Orders for mint stamps must include a sum sufficient to prepay the return postage.

Foreign bank notes, coin, currency or domestic money orders will not be accepted.

South West Africa

Supplies of the five denominations of the Van Riebeck postage stamps will be overprinted "SWA" for use in South West Africa.

Orders for these stamps are to be forwarded to "The Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Windhoek, South West Africa" who will undertake to affix stamps to covers supplied by collectors for first day of issue cancellation.

Such covers must reach that office by March 7. Each envelope (Continued on page 11)

First Flight On Kansas Route

Effective on or about January 22, air mail service will be inaugurated at Manhattan-Junction City-Fort Riley, Kan., over route A. M. 29.

Special cachets will be provided for Manhattan, Junction City, and Fort Riley, and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First-flight air-mail covers sent to the postmasters at Manhattan, Junction City, and Fort Riley must be prepaid at the appropriate air mail postage rate.

Double postal cards and double post cards intended for return reply purposes are not acceptable as first-flight covers.

All covers should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachets.

Space approximately 2 1/2 x 2 1/4 inches to the left of the address side of all covers is required for the cachet. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope to obtain better impression of cachet and postmark, and to prevent damage to cover or cancelling machine.

No provision will be made for point to point covers. However, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachet will be given directional service only to an office designated by the General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

Beautiful View Of French Observatory

An inspiring view of France's Observatoire du Pic du Midi appeared on a new 40fr purple commem issued on December 22 by that country.

Located in the west central Pyrenees Mountains section of the border between France and Spain, the observatory and its auxiliary buildings are shown on the stamp.

According to Pierre A. Cubel, Boite Postale 86, Soissons (Aisne) France first day covers were postmarked with a special cancellation at the town nearest the observatory, Bagnères de Bigorre, France.

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NICE CHRISTMAS DAY COVER. Collectors of unusual covers will probably get excited over the one shown above received from Capt. Charles E. Milbury now on a round trip run with his ship from Seattle, Wash. to Korea, Japan and return. This cover is but one of a dozen prepared and mailed by Capt. Milbury while his ship was in the harbor at Pusan, Korea. A 6c stamped government airmail envelope was used. The stamp is cancelled by a large postmark in red which reads, "S.S. IRENESTAR/CHRISTMAS DAY/1951/PUSAN KOREA". At the left in green is the ship's quite fancy "sea post" marking which includes the wording in the wavy lines of "POSTED AT SEA/S.S. IRENESTAR". Other markings to be seen on the front of the envelope are the Register Mail marking and the wording, "TRANSMITTED THROUGH/A. P. O. PUSAN-KOREA". On the back are three registry postmarks, reading, "San Francisco, Calif. U. S. Army Postal Service Br. A.P.O. 707", "San Francisco, Calif. U. S. Army Postal Service, 2nd BP6 Br." both of which have the December 25, 1951 date. The third is a postmark of Sidney, Ohio on January 2.

Postage Free Country, How It Came To Be That Way

by J. F. McGee

Of course I have in mind Andorra, the little semi-independent republic, located on the southern slope of the Pyrenean Mountains, between the Spanish province of Lerida and the French department of Ariego.

The republic, or principality as it is sometimes referred to, is less than two hundred square miles in area, and its population has been fairly stable around six thousand for the past hundred years or so, the number the country could support. But with the material progress and the attending prosperity the republic has been enjoying, unquestionably many of the Andorran economic exiles have returned to their home land.

There are also about fifteen hundred Spanish Republican refugees, and about as many other aliens, residing there. However they are not counted as only the third generation of foreign-born parents can acquire Andorran citizenship.

The Andorrans speak Catalan, and are of the same stock as the

people of the Spanish provinces to the south which once formed the old principality of Catalonia, and are not of the same racial origin as either the Spanish or French.

The country is mountainous. But there are many small fertile valleys. The principal crops are rye, potatoes, tobacco and fruit, including grapes. The mountains afford fine pasture for sheep and cattle.

The National Geographic Magazine in its August, 1949 number, has an entertaining story of the country, entitled "Incredible Andorra" (Continued on page 7)

Both will have the same design, a view of the "Hamarca Hotel" at Boca Chica. Denominations and colors are to be 1c dark green and 2c vermilion. One million of each are to be printed.

The design will be in a horizontal format in the "commemorative" size.

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**Fly Special Covers
For Child Charity**

Continuing its interest in philatelic events, K. L. M. Royal Dutch Airline announced its cooperation with the Dutch Postal Administration, the executive committee of I.T.E.P., and the Centennial Stamp Exhibition to be staged in the National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia, beginning January 26 by making a special "Air Mail" flight from the Netherlands to the United States with a cargo of specially postmarked covers, that will be made available to collectors all over the world.

Soon after the officials of the Netherlands' I.T.E.P.-International Stamp Exhibition to be held in Utrecht next June, and the Netherlands Postal Administration agreed to support the special show in Philadelphia arrangements were made to service 1,000 covers each franked with a complete set of the recently issued "Children's semipostals" and postmarked with a specially designed cachet-cancel.

These covers will be flown from the Netherlands on a special "National Philatelic Museum Flight" to the United States aboard the "Flying Dutchman" being scheduled by K. L. M. Royal Dutch Airlines.

After arrival in Philadelphia, all covers will be backstamped and offered to collectors who desire them at \$1.00 each, the entire proceeds being contributed to Child Welfare in The Netherlands.

Covers may be obtained from the National Philatelic Museum, Broad and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia 22, Pa., on a "First come—First served basis."

**Officers, Show Dates
Chosen By Detroiters**

Dr. William O. Benjamin is the 1952 president of the North-West Stamp Society, Detroit, Mich. His election was the result of recent balloting by the club members, who also made G. F. Muller vice president; Carl Thordrup treasurer and Tony Formell, 4626 31st St., Detroit 10, Mich. secretary.

The club is now working on the exhibition and bourse scheduled for March 8 and 9 at the VFW Hall, 13576 Leisure near Grand River Blvd. A special exhibit will be sponsored by the Scandinavian Collectors Club on a non-competitive basis. The club is also sponsoring a trophy.

One of the worthy projects of the North West club is the help which is rendered to juniors. Under the leadership of Tony Formell the youngsters meet from 7 to 9 Friday evenings at the Detroit Branch of the Monona Library, Grand River at Schaefer.

Adult meetings are held at the home of Wilmont Osborn, 12872 Strathmoor at 7:30 p. m. on the second Thursday and the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Juniors and seniors both are welcome to attend the respective meetings of the two stamp clubs.

**SOJEX In Early
March At Camden**

The 17th annual national stamp exhibition—SOJEX, 1952—sponsored by the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, will be presented March 7, 8 and 9 in Hotel Walt Whitman, Camden, N. J. Exhibits will be displayed in the main and junior ballrooms.

This year's show will feature a display of 50 frames by the Maximum Card Society of America, following the pattern of the last three exhibitions in which philatelic groups with specialties were invited by the association to participate.

The official prospectus and entry blanks are being distributed and can be obtained from Joseph D. Cook, 45 Hadden Avenue Gibbsboro, N. J.

There will be a grand award, as well as a trophy and ribbons awarded in each division and a certificate of participation to each exhibitor.

Application blanks must be filed by Feb. 15 to secure listing in the official catalog of the exhibition which is distributed gratis to visitors and exhibitors.

**Delay Netherland
Stamp Exhibition**

The comprehensive exhibition of Netherlands and Colonies stamps and philatelic material scheduled for an earlier presentation at the National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia, has been postponed to later dates.

It will now get under way with a formal opening on January 26 and remain for the inspection of visitors until February 28.

Due to the arrival in the United States of the President of the Council of Ministers of the Netherlands, W. Drees, the opening of the show was delayed. This will allow other noted philatelic personalities to attend and additional exhibits entered.

Under the able leadership of Johannes de Kruyf, president of the Netherlands and Colonies Groups, there will be a complete well balanced exhibition of 300 frames of stamps of the Netherlands, Surinam and the Antilles.

In addition, the Dutch East Indies and Japanese Occupation stamps, all used prior to the formation of the independent Republic of Indonesia, will be exhibited.

T. van Houwelingen, vice chairman of the Executive committee of I.T.E.P., the Netherlands International Exhibition in Utrecht in June 1952, and C. H. W. d'Artillac Brill, head of The Netherlands P.T.T. Press and Publicity Service, are expected to attend the meeting of the Netherlands Philatelic Group in Philadelphia on the Friday evening preceding the opening of the exhibition, January 25, 1952.

The exhibition is under the sponsorship of Her Majesty Queen Juliana, who graciously forwarded a message and a photo of herself and Prince Bernhard.

Other messages for the exhibition, to be published in the usual fine exhibition book, are from the President of the Council of Ministers, W. Drees; the Ambassador from The Netherlands to the United States, Dr. J. H. van Roijen; the Minister for Transport and Waterways, H. J. Wemmers; the Director General of The Netherlands Postal, Telegraph and Telephone Service, L. Neher, and others.

The guest editor of the book to be published by the Museum, Ernest A. Kehr, Philatelic Editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, secured the following articles:

THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PRECEDED THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE NETHERLANDS STAMPS ON JANUARY 1, 1852 by F. J. Hindriks, THE NETHERLANDS POSTAL MUSEUM by Dr. R. E. J. Weber, CENTENARY INTERNATIONAL POSTAL EXHIBITION—ITEP by R. van Houwelingen, STORY OF THE I.T.E.P. MEDAL by the I.T.E.P. committee, ROYAL PORTRAITS ON STAMPS OF THE NETHERLANDS by Miss E. Driessens, NETHERLANDS STAMPS IN OUR TIME by W. F. Gouwe, THE CLASSIC STAMPS OF THE NETHERLANDS by Philip H. Ward, Jr., PRINTING NETHERLANDS POSTAGE STAMPS by James H. Baxter, NETHERLANDS AND COLONIAL PHILATELY by Johannes de Kruyf, THE K. L. M. STORY by Marten E. A. L. de Jongh, THE NETHERLANDS POSTAL SYSTEM by Burton E. Bauder, SURINAM AND THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES by Leopold Quarles van Ufford.

The Museum is indebted to Dr. N. A. C. Slotmaker de Bruine of the Netherlands Embassy, Washington, D. C., and Jerome L. Heldring of the Netherlands Information Bureau, New York City, for their effort on behalf of the exhibition.

The book will be one of the most important undertakings of the Museum not only in size, but also the fact that it will contain approximately 250 illustrations.

**Mitula Heads
Houston Club**

A. J. Mitula was elected president of the Houston, Texas Philatelic Forum for 1952. Other officers are Emil Christensen vice president and Mrs. Leola L. Small, secretary-treasurer.

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Linn's readers will be interested to know that Charles Weil who draws the cartoon, "Double Impressions," which appears on the editorial page each week has a number of his cartoons in the brand new fun book published by Lucius Jackson, Stamp Wholesaler, Burlington, Vt.

Titled, "All In Fun," the book contains over 300 cartoons selected from those which have appeared in Stamp Wholesaler over the past couple of years. Weil is represented with approximately fifty, none of which have ever appeared in this paper.

"All In Fun" kids stamp collectors, dealers and the general public in a humorous medley of laugh provoking art. Postpaid copies are sold for \$1.10 by Mr. Jackson at the address above.

**Sarnia, Canada Has
New Stamp Club**

Collectors in the Sarnia, Ontario, Canada area have organized a stamp club which presently has 25 members. Beginning January 14 regular meetings are to be held on the second and fourth Mondays.

W. B. Bridle, secretary treas-

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Dr. Voronoff has died at the age of 83. The fact that he died, "so young" is what makes his death so noteworthy. You may remember that he is the man who dreamed that men could live to be 150 years old. Dr. Voronoff's "Monkey Gland" ideas caused world wide comment, and many people were skeptical about his claims, which were modest and logical in comparison with some crackpot ideas in philatelic circles—especially so-called unpicked mixtures. If you are offered cheap mixtures containing 10¢ and \$1 values for a few cents per thousand—such claims are absurd and should be taken with the proverbial grain of salt. But here is a shipment of stamps that we do guarantee to be absolutely unpicked. You will receive the occasional high value but sample cases opened contained: New Zealand Health, Canterbury, Victories, large U.S.A. commemoratives, Canadian new issues, Belgian pictorials, Gold Coast, Nigeria and stamps from numerous other countries. Some cases contained 400 to 500 commemoratives and pictorials alone. This shipment consists of strong wooden packing cases exactly as illustrated with rope handles—and purely by coincidence and not by design these cases resemble chests used by sea-farers of long ago. Each chest weighs 3lb. gross and contains approximately 1lb. of stamps on small pieces of envelopes just as collected from office, banks and business houses. Approximately 2,000 unsorted stamps in each case. The few sample cases displayed in our office sold on sight with requests for more. It is the most unusual consignment of stamps we have ever seen and contains many interesting varieties. With each purchase we are giving a rather interesting booklet of 148 pages—"Kings and Queens."

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Qualms And Thoughts About The Scott Catalog

by Stephen G. Rich

Of all stamp catalogs now published, Scott's has the longest period of continuous appearance, year by year. Beginning in 1867, it settled down to annual editions within two years. No British, French, German, or other catalog now issued has anything to approach this background of experience. Its only rival for long history, is a decade younger, Whitfield King's catalog published in England.

With such a history, we might well expect that Scott's catalog would show strenuous efforts to hold the leadership and increase its hold on such standing. This might be more specially expected in 1952, since quite an impression of such an intention has been given by the publisher's news releases sent out some weeks ahead of each volume. This paper, along with others, has published those releases.

But examination of the two volumes, and comparison with the two previous editions, the 106th dated 1950 and the 107th dated 1951, soon shows that the changes and improvements are surprisingly few. To put it almost crudely: all the real problems have been avoided, as for years past by successive directing heads of Scott Publications Inc. We welcome the changes made. But as a user, I recognize clearly that they fail to come to grips with the real sources of continuing dissatisfaction with our American standard catalog. Far more thoroughgoing changes are urgently needed at many points. Only a few can be mentioned in this article.

Many collectors have found fault to me, with the Scott catalog, because certain countries, no longer British but independent, have not been shifted forthwith into the second volume. The arguments are sound. But there is a valid practical reason for refusal to shift Egypt, India and Ireland to Volume II. The discrepancy in size between the volumes would become even greater. Volume II would approach sooner the necessity of being further divided. The Scott firm might therefore more reasonably be found fault with for not making changes that would bring into Volume I material which really belongs there. For example, the stamps of the German administrations of Southwest Africa, Tanganyika, New Guinea, etc., might be put in as first sections under those countries in Volume I, precisely as the former republics in Orange River Colony and Transvaal are treated.

In the same way, all the French, Dutch, former Spanish and former Danish colonies in the Americas might properly be put into Volume I with the rest of the Americas. In fact, the path of good procedure would long ago have been not to list certain of these twice, in both volumes, but to consolidate these colonies into the "Americas" alphabetically among the republics now forming that section, instead of leaving them as a small separate division at the end of Volume I. The absurd tripartite division of Cuba's stamps between two volumes and two sections of one of them, is long past due for remedy.

The 1952 Scott is a disappointment to many of us on the score of continued retention of time-honored errors. An error in listing is not the less erroneous because it has been continued since John W. Scott made it before 1886! Nor is it less erroneous if it was one of John Luff's very few mistakes in the 1910-30 period.

The few corrections made seem to have been done grudgingly, and far too late. For example, the correction in order of the earliest Colombia issues could have been made five years ago, or even earlier, from articles then in print in reputable American stamp journals. We dislike to mention it, but of the world's major catalogs, Scott was only the third to correct this feature, long after

that relatively late-comer into the field, Gibbons of England.

We note with regret that some new errors seem to have been brought into this year's catalog. The restoration of prices for the essay printings from plates made from unfinished dies, on the U. S. 1861 issue, is a step backwards to the condition existing years ago. So is that for the color trial proofs in stamp form, the 3c "lake" of 1861 and the 3c "scarlet" of the 1862-66 listings.

But a stamp catalog, despite all attempts to make it otherwise, is concerned at least as much with being a price report from which those buying and selling may start in arriving at any particular stamp transaction, as being a correct list of the stamps known.

In general, no serious effort appears yet to have been made to make the pricings agree with the market or even approach uniformly thereto. Nor is the pricing in a constant, known ratio to the market. The discount from list price is not known. Certainly it is not constant from issue to issue or stamp to stamp, let alone from country to country. We have hunted in vain for any definite statement other than the uninforming paragraph which has stood for some years in the "Special Notices" at the start of each volume, and the vague "Important Notice" about relation of condition to price, inserted here and there through the two volumes.

Perhaps this is the best that we can expect, since the publisher does not maintain any statistical department to assemble price information and produce at least an approximation to a correct market report.

Whether such procedure is possible, need not be in doubt. Publishing a catalog not competing with Scott, in the special field of U. S. Bureau Print Precancels, I have long had precisely such service from the editor-pricer of that book. Not only do the prices in the Bureau Print Catalog represent the mid-point of the market at the time of going to press: Mr. Berton Hoover pricer of the Mitchell-Hoover Bureau Print catalog, has produced a definite scale of discounts and premiums for good or bad condition, with illustrations of what each state, such as "C copy", signifies.

While it is obvious that with approximately 24 times as many items to price, Scott's task would be greater than that of Mr. Hoover on the Bureau Print Catalog, just for this reason the need for tackling that job is 24 times more apparent. The size of the Scott job does not make it essentially different from ours.

Fault has been found unjustly with the Scott pricings on the ground that they are by a publishing firm without close contact with the actual stamp market. Since Mr. Harmer, head of the Scott firm and editor-pricer of the catalog, is the chief man of a very large stamp auction house, this comment is quite evidently unfair. What is more to the point: the discrepancies between market and Scott prices were at least as great when Scott Stamp & Coin Co. was both a stamp dealing house and the catalog publisher. The stamp papers of the 1890's, especially around 1897-99, complain far more bitterly than anyone today, about the errors in Scott's pricings—and in far less temperate language. The faults now existent were marks

for bitter journalistic complaint in the 1930's, when the dealer firm was also the publisher.

To come to a few specific cases: only a few typical ones can be cited here:

Through France, hardly any price changes at all were made. This writer did not discover even one before 1900, although certain items such as No. 66 seem to have become available in fair quantity in the last year.

Unused No. 93, still kept up in price, is being offered at increasing discounts, and moreover seems to show up fairly frequently.

The few rises in used 20th Century items seem hardly justified . . . they put the prices further from actual market than those listed a year ago. Broken type for one price on No. B9 hasn't yet been corrected from the previous edition. Instead of reducing the many notorious and in fact obviously somewhat high prices of plentiful, semipostals, others of the same sets have been raised in price.

No. B43 of France, which received the most drastic cut of any item in that country, from \$1.25 to 75¢ both used and unused, is the one stamp on which no change should have been made. The supply is small and not all the length of Nassau St., 5th Ave., or West Washington St. in Chicago, can it be had for less than \$1.25 even now. It costs \$1.17 wholesale, from France. So the old price would have been a 100% accurate market report.

Over in the U. S. section, we take the Air Mail stamps of the first two issues, Nos. C1 through C6, for a case study. No. C1 is unchanged in 1950, 1951 and 1952 catalogs. The October 1951 U. S. price lists of Harris (Boston) and Stanley Gibbons Inc. (New York) don't agree, but both are below Scott—and Gibbons is 50% below for a used copy. No. C2 is \$7.50 unused, \$4.50 used—with Gibbons giving \$4.60 and \$2.20 respectively. The ratio of Harris to Scott is somewhat higher for this than for C1—Gibbons is variant in ratio for each condition (used and unused). No. C3, again static in Scott for three editions, is priced 40% lower than unused, 49.7% lower used by Gibbons, 20% lower unused and 10% lower used by Harris.

Nos. C4, C5 and C6, with only slight changes in Scott, are in every case further from Gibbons and from Harris, but by varying ratios, than previous to this edition.

Quite obviously, if the Scott prices are to have any real validity, they might be expected to be never more than 10% away from Gibbons or Harris, or from a uniform multiple of either or both.

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of those, if net pricing isn't wanted.

This reviewer can add that No. (Continued on page 11)

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Postmaster Says Congress To Blame

In my editorial of December 31, I referred to the 10% charge on
postal cards when 50 or more are bought. Incidentally I had an
error in the story for if one bought 50 instead of 49 cards the extra
card would cost 12c and not 7c as stated at that time.

Anyhow the main reason for this item
is a letter from one of my good friends,
Postmaster Harry Storm of Clay City,
Indiana. Harry takes me to task for
blaming this matter on the P. O. Depart-
ment and says 'taint so. I referred to the
fact that the postal employees all ought
to get a mink coat out of this deal but
since Brother Storm explains that the
overcharge is due to a bill passed by con-
gress over which the P. O. D. had no con-
trol it would therefore appear that the
mink coats ought to go to the various
congressmen who were guilty of this 10%
addition on purchases of 50 or more postal
cards. Mr. Storm says it is a headache for
the P. O. Dept. and for every postmaster
in the country, none of them like the
ruling and would far rather not have it on
the books.

Controlled Mail

The Stamp-Ade Company of Cleveland
issue a brokerage sheet for stamp col-
lectors who have material to sell. In their
latest issue they take up the subject of
commemoratives would do well to clean them up by getting them
used up on controlled mail if possible. Reason for this suggestion is
that late commemoratives have been issued in such large quantities
that it will probably be 25 or more years before they will be in
demand at a price over face. They explain how controlled mail is
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Controlled Mail and suggest that collectors who have large lots of
commemoratives would do well to clean them up by getting them
used up on controlled mail if possible. Reason for this suggestion is
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demand at a price over face. They explain how controlled mail is
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Ohio.

Just as an example they cite the CIPEX sheet which was issued
in 1947 and is now 4 years old, yet is frequently sold in lots at less
than face. This is a 15c face value sheet. If you have a lot of them
and could put them through on controlled mail they would pay 15c
postage. If recovered you should be able to dispose of them as used
sheets at about \$7.00 per 100 sheets. The savings on postage in this
case would be \$7.00 out of \$15.00 and that is just one example of how
such material can be washed up. Send for a copy of their bulletin, it
may help you solve a problem.

On Selling Stamps

Probably a lot of collectors have an accumulation of sheets etc.
that they have held for years and want to find a market for them.
They have probably learned that most recent stuff is hard to pass
off at face, but the older items are calling for some premium and
prices on some of it have gone up and down for quite a sum in the
past few years, 1945-6 being the high points.

I recently had occasion to check up on the sales possibilities of
a set of Famous American sheets. I found them listed in the Stamp-
Ade bulletin referred to in the above item at \$270.00 offered. The
same sheets are also listed in the Mint Sheet Brokerage Bulletin, now
located at Rossomoyne, Ohio at \$275 bid. That is but \$5.00 better, but
in each bulletin I find most all these sheets have bid offers on them
for each single sheet. By checking these two bulletins and offering
some sheets to one and some to the other I find that one can sell a set of F. A. sheets for \$310.10 which happens to be \$35.10 higher than one
list and \$30.10 higher than the other, so it pays to watch prices if you
want to sell.

Speaking of Prices

Among my own holdings in stamps etc. I have picked up at odd
times a fair quantity of First Flight and other air mail covers. I have
no use for these myself for I have no interest in such covers, but it
does pique me a bit to look at the catalogue prices placed on these
covers and when offered for sale to some reputed collectors or dealers
in such covers they are refused at a quarter catalog or even less.
All of which makes me think that catalogue prices on Air Mail
Covers must be dreamed up by someone who has some that he prices
by wishful thinking. Certainly if the covers are fairly priced in the
catalogues, they ought to find a ready market at one quarter
catalogue at least. Why price material at two or three times what it
is worth, why fool yourself with such methods of pricing?

In this respect one of the nicest bits of pricing on any series of
covers I know of is the system used by Herman Jacot of Greenwich,
Conn. We met Mr. Jacot at New York during the last ASDA show.
He expressed an interest in Highway Post Office Covers. I happened
to remember that I had a few of them laying around at home and
asked him what they were worth. He replied promptly that he
bought and sold such covers and had a standard price on his stock
and that he would buy any of them at 40% off of his list price.

As a result Mr. Jacot got about a dozen H. P. O. Covers from me
and I promptly got his check. If we could arrive at such a standard
of pricing and selling with all other items connected with our hobby
it would be a very splendid situation. A dealer is entitled to a reasonable
profit on his goods and I think that 40% off of his price is not too
much and should be a basis on which business could be done at any
time.

I recognize the fact that there are numerous items in stamps
etc. where a dealer will tell you that he will buy certain items at
even a higher price than such a discount would make, but such items
are few and far between and not the general rule.

It is of course out of the question to attempt to apply any such
terms to cheap stamps, stamps under a dollar list price for instance
but if we could all know that when a dealer lists a stamp at one
dollar or more, he stands ready to buy at 40% off of his price. If such
a buying plan would overload him he would then have the signal to
cut the price he asks for the stamp and matters would soon adjust
themselves. Under such a plan the collector would only have to
realize that any profit he expects to make on his collection would
only come after he has held his stamps for enough years for the
selling price of the dealer to advance enough that 40% off of it would
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regular on December 10 for first
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head of an image of buddhist Kan-
zeon Bosatsu.



It was printed from engraved
plates in colors of old rose and
purplish gray. Designer was Ta-
kao Yamanouchi, engraver Taka-
Matsuura.



On December 25 a 5 yen regular
was released for second class mail
in deep green and yellow orange.
Depicted in the design is a long-
tailed cock native to Kochi Prefecture.



The airmails are a 25y dull
green and a 30y reddish brown in
the same design as three of re-
cent vintage. They were released
on December 20.

On December 1, the 5 yen postal
card picturing the Diet Building,
went through a color change on-
ly, to dull green.

On December 15 the double
postal card with a value of 10 yen,
also picturing the Diet Building,
appeared in a new color, in this
instance, yellow orange.

The New Years greeting stamp
a 5 yen in deep carmine, is to be
released on January 16. A character
mask of Okina, an old man in a
Noh drama, will be used for the
design.

There will be ten million of
these stamps printed in panes of
twelve (4 x 5). The designer was
Yutaka Yoshida.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

No sooner do the Post Office Department's wounds begin to heal from the beating it took over the authorization and the design of the BOB (Battle of Brooklyn stamp), than they are again opened and supplemented with new ones.

The added injury comes with the accusation from some quarters that Betsy Ross, whom the Department honored January 2 as the maker of the first U. S. Flag, was no such thing. Complainers claim that the Betsy Ross story is a pleasant myth and has no basis in fact. POD officials are charged with a reckless irresponsibility in the matter of the faces, places, chicks and things which are chosen to be commemorated.

Suppose the Betsy Ross story is a myth—it's a pleasant one. I feel sure that true or not, the story has been infinitely more of a good influence than contrary. Only fault that the fair-minded can find with the commem is that it was not printed in red and blue, to make the flag sparkle in its true colors.

Otherwise, nuts to the Betsy Ross detractors.

- Which of the six 1951 commems had a flag in their designs?
- One of the 1951 commems pictured a time telling device, what is it, and on what stamp was it pictured?

E. B. Garess of El Paso, Texas sent evidence of a major "skull", "boner", "blowup" or what ever you want to call it in the cachet produced by one of the big first day cover firms.

For the Battle of Brooklyn stamp, it has the dates, "1876-1951" instead of "1776-1951". They're but a mere 100 years late—but why worry, the cachet is a nice one. If you keep moving the cover back and forth real quick when you are showing it no one will ever be the wiser.

I want to thank all of you for your nice philatelic remembrances brought on by the new postal card rate effective January 1.

You will remember that December 31, 1951 was the last day you could send a card for 1c. Beginning January 1 all postal cards had to have 2c worth of postage.

Some of the cards had clever cachets to mark the demise of the 1c rate, many carried best wishes for the New Year. They were sent by:

Castle Point, N. Y. Stamp Club; B. E. D., Cincinnati, Ohio; W. W. Clatterbuck, Ravenna, Ohio; James Coughlin, South Paris, Me.; Virgil J. Geary, Dayton, Ohio; Herb Harnish, Fort Wayne, Ind.; H. J. Hallstein, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jack Hood, Tulia, Texas; Lem Laird, Harper, Kansas; Willard Messler, Merchantville, N. J.; R. M. Needham, Lancaster, Ohio; G. L. Robinson, Chicago, Ill.; Michael Simon, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Roy Swanson, St. Paul, Minn.; H. Witber, Fort Wayne, Ind.; William Wonneberger, Jr., Bridgeport, Conn.; Harry D. Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE DEPT: Dennis Heitkamp of San Antonio, Texas adds light to the matter of the ABC system of sorting mail discussed here some weeks ago. Excerpts from his letter follow:

"Back in November an item appeared in U. S. Notes . . . about Kansas City, Mo.'s post office trying a new idea or system of distribution of mail in that post

office. It being referred to as the ABC system.

"The article goes on to explain how the system works and states that it is a new idea. For folks up in Missouri it may be a new idea This system was started in the Dallas, Texas post office five or so years ago. The idea was thought up by a clerk . . . tried and found so practical that no one would consider going back to the old method

"The plan is beyond a doubt far ahead of the old fashioned methods that have been in use for many years past."

In case you missed the description of the ABC system of sorting mail it is simply that locally mail is sorted alphabetically by street names.

Previously when a letter was received for distribution at the main post office it was sorted into a zone classification, a procedure which required a clerk to be well schooled as to the zone boundaries, substation locations and other technical knowledge.

Under the new system mail is sorted by alphabetical and numerical classifications instead of by zone. Thus a letter addressed to a home on Main St. is pigeonholed under the letter "M" and through a system of subclassification is sent directly to the carrier at the substation level.

F. L. Zerbe, 72, retired college professor of San Diego, Calif., collects stamps—but unlike his album bound brothers Zerbe cuts the stamps he gets into little pieces.

He cuts them into all shapes and sizes, and except for keeping the colors separated, his approach to stamp collecting is strictly a madness with a method, with stunning results.

Mr. Zerbe mostly uses stuff which even the miserliest of collectors wouldn't keep on the premises—torn, heavily cancelled and faded material. He uses it all.

After he has decided on his design and general layout, Zerbe then proceeds to take the colored pieces of stamps and paste them on a dinner plate. When he is finished after four to eight months at eight hours a day he will have a piece of art which reproduces scenes from postage stamp designs.

His most recent, completed in four months, on a 13 inch plate, reproduces fifteen scenes from American history, a number of them already depicted on United States commems.

Three previous works, on 10 inch plates, include a Pony Express theme, scenes from the Old and New Testament, and one which reproduced well known scenes in and around San Diego.

Zerbe is a volunteer Red Cross staff assistant with the stamp club at the San Diego U. S. Naval Hospital.

According to E. B. Kirtland of Cocoa, Fla. they had a record mail this year through the Christmas, Fla. post office. In fact, it was 60,000 items better than any previous season.

Mrs. Juanita Tucker, postmaster since 1932, placed the Christmas, Fla. postmark on mail from 32 states and a number of foreign countries. She claims there was standing room only in her office from December 5 on.

Assisted by her husband and 20 year old son, there were 132 bags of cards and letters and 55 bags of parcel post handled, more in the couple weeks before Christmas than in the rest of the year.

Forbidden by the Post Office Department a couple of years ago to apply her cachet to the mail, this gracious touch was taken over by the Orange County Chamber of Commerce which has since continued the practice.

THANKS FOR THE COVERS

DEPT: Pierre A. Cubbels, Soissons, France; Guy Stoms, Homestead, Fla.; Edwin Dent, Christmas, Fla.; H. M. Brehm, New London, Wis.; Robert L. Jones, Philadelphia; E. A. Hyldoff, Huntington, W. Va.; Charles E. Milbury, Collingswood, N. J.; D. J. Duarte, Lisbon, Portugal.

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1. The Detroit.
2. The UCV with an hour glass.

Has Naval Cachet For Cover Fans

W. T. Grahame, Tec., U.S.S. Mindoro (CVE-120), FPO Norfolk, Va., has added another to his series of cachets, making five altogether.

It, or any of the previously issued four, will be applied to the prepared covers of collectors. Envelopes must contain a stuffer, and bear a 3c stamp and a name and address.

There is no charge but a commem on the cover carrying the envelopes to be serviced would be appreciated.

Two Stamps Honor Slovakian Author

On December 5 Czechoslovakia issued a set of two commemoratives honoring Slovak writer Petr Jilemnický (1901-1949).

Printed from engraved plates the denominations and colors are 1.50Kcs brown and 2Kcs blue. Both stamps carry a portrait of the author.

Ludevit Illeko designed the issue and Jan Mracek engraved the die.

Precancel NEWS

Kenneth M. Gierhart

Baltimore, Ohio

MONTANA

J. C. Whitman, 1014 S. 6th Ave., Bozeman, Mont. is compiling a Type and Town list of Montana which will be expanded for an edition of a Montana State precancel catalog.

As of October 31st there were 109 towns and 159 types reported. Collectors interested in MONTANA should contact Mr. Whitman and help him gather data for the new catalog.

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Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.	Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
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2 ○	#10x1 5c Providence, R.I., Fine mint	32.50	164 ■	#392 2c Perf 8½, F-VF mint line pr. NH	5.00
3 ○	#1 5c 1847, VF used Red Canc.	27.50	165 ■	#400 10c Pan-Pac. JF mint NH Top Plate strip of 3	27.00
4 ○	#1 5c 1847, 4 margins used, repaired red canc.	27.50	166 ■	#405-407 1c-7c Fine mint blks of 4	18.80
5 ○	#1 5c 1847, F-VF used Hor. pair, Red Canc.	82.50	167 ■	#551-570 ½c-50c Flat, Fine mint	17.45
6 ○	#2 10c 1847, VF used light Blue Canc.	90.00	168 ■	#414-418 8c-15c Perf 12	8.00
7 ○	#2 10c 1847 Grey Black, VF used 4 margin copy, Black Gridiron canc.	110.00	169 ■	#414-435 1c-12c Perf 10, JF-F mint	10.75
8 ○	#2 10c 1847 Grey Black, F-VF used 3 large margins, close at bottom left, light Black Gridiron canc.	110.00	170 ■	#414-435 1c-12c Perf 10, JF-F mint blks	17.25
9 ■	#3 Reproduction, Mint, 4 margins defected	35.00	171 ■	#414-435 1c-12c Perf 10, JF-F mint	8.50
10 ○	#4 10c Reproduction, mint, 4 margins defected	50.00	172 ■	#418 8c Perf 9, Fine mint NH blks	5.00
11 ○	#7 1c Blue Ty. II, Fine used Hor. pr. touches on bottom bl. margins	27.50	173 ■	#418 8c Perf 9, F-VF mint NH blks	9.00
12 ○	#9 1c Blue Ty. IV, used Hor. pr. 3 margs, touches on top	22.50	174 ■	#433-435 10c-12c Perf 10, Fine mint blks	11.75
13 ○	#12 5c Red Brown, Ty. I, F-VF used Red Canc.	32.50	175 ■	#435 12c Perf 10, JF mint blks of 4 with Plate	18.75
14 ○	#12 5c Dark Red Brown, JF-F used	70.00	176 ■	#441-444 1c-2c Coils, Fine mint prs.	7.00
15 ○	#13 10c Green, Ty. II, JF-F used	65.00	177 ■	#459 2c Imperf, C-F-VF mint	50.00
16 ○	#14 10c Green, Ty. II, VF used	16.00	178 ■	#461 2c Carmine, F-VF mint	7.00
17 ○	#15 10c Green, Ty. III, used Hor. strip of 3, margins on 3 sides, cuts on top, one stamp close tear, Post. 82L1 to 84L1	22.50	179 ■	#461 2c Carmine, F-VF used	7.00
18 ○	#17 12c Black, VF used 4 large margins	22.50	180 ■	#463 5c Error, mint in blks of 9, all stamps cut design, 4 stamps are thin. Not the Error	90.00
19 ○	#17 12c Black, VF used light Canc.	22.50	181 ■	#464 3c Perf 10, VF mint NH blks	25.00
20 ○	#17 12c Black, JF used	22.50	182 ■	#477 50c Violet Perf 10, JF-F mint	75.00
21 ○	#21 1c Blue, Ty. III, JF-F used light Canc.	67.50	183 ■	#478 1c-4½c Perf 10, F-VF used	21.42
22 ■	#26 3c Dull Red, JF mint blks, reinforced	7.00	184 ■	#481-483 1c-3c Imperf, VF mint blks	7.00
23 ○	#27 5c Brick Red, JF-F used light Canc.	65.00	185 ■	#481-483 1c-3c Imperf, VF mint blks	15.00
24 ○	#27 5c Brick Red, F-VF used Ver. strip of 3, light Canc. touches on left side bl. clear, dated Feb. 8, 1859	250.00	186 ■	#481-483 1c-3c Imperf, VF mint blks	20.00
25 ○	#28 5c Red Brown, Ty. I, JF used	32.50	187 ■	#481-483 1c-3c Imperf, VF mint blks	10.00
26 ○	#29 5c Brown, F-VF used	32.50	188 ■	#519 2c Carmine, F-VF mint NH blks	20.00
27 ○	#29 5c Brown, F-VF used	18.50	189 ■	#519 2c Carmine, F-VF mint NH blks	100.00
28 ○	#30 5c Brown, Ty. II, JF-F used	22.50	190 ○	#524 45c Green & Black, VF-Superb used Hor. line blks	11.00
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32 ■	#32 10c Green, Ty. II, F-VF used Pen Canc.	12.00	194 ■	#545 1c Green, Perf 11, JF-F mint Plate blks of 8	8.00
33 ○	#32 10c Green, Ty. II, JF used	12.00	195 ■	#550 5c Pilgrim, F-VF mint NH	108.00
34 ○	#33 10c Green, Ty. III, F-VF used Hor. Pen Canc.	22.50	196 ■	#551-570 ½c-50c Flat, F-VF mint	17.50
35 ○	#37 24c Lilac, JF-F used light Canc.	20.00	197 ■	#551-570 ½c-50c Flat, F-VF mint	17.45
36 ○	#37 24c Lilac, JF-F used Red Canc.	22.50	198 ■	#551-562 ½c-10c Flat, F-VF mint blks	40.50
37 ○	#38 30c Orange, JF mint cuts on left	37.50	199 ■	#560 8c Flat, JF-F mint Plate blks of 6	9.00
38 ○	#38 30c Orange, JF-F used	32.50	200 ■	#561-565 incl. 563A, 9c-14c Flat, Fine mint blks	12.75
39 ○	#38 10c Dark Green, JF-F used light Canc.	62.50	201 ■	#563-669 1c-30c Flat, F-VF mint blks	25.75
40 ○	#39 1c Rose, Fine mint blks	7.00	202 ■	#573 45c Flat, F-VF mint Plate blks of 8 Arrow & 2 #	10.00
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49 ○	#86 1c Blue, JF-F used, light blue Canc.	18.50	211 ■	#632-642 1c-10c Rotary, Fine mint blks	6.02
50 ○	#86-91 1c-15c 11x13 Grille, JF used	59.75	212 ■	#679 10c Nebraska, F-VF mint NH blks, Precancel, Hastings, Neb., F-VF mint NH blks	32.00
51 ○	#87-89 2c-10c Grills, JF used	13.75	213 ■	#704-715 ½c-10c Bi-Cent. Fine mint blks	19.25
52 ○	#89 10c Grill, JF-F used Fancy Canc.	8.00	214 ■	#740-749 1c-10c Parks, VF mint NH Plate blks of 6	15.10
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54 ○	#90 12c Black, Fine used	8.50	216 ■	#756-765 1c-10c Parks, Farley, VF mint blks with Long Lines	10.00
55 ○	#90-91 12c-15c Grills, JF used	28.50	217 ■	#756-765 1c-10c Parks, Farley, VF mint Centerline blks	67.50
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70 ○	#120 24c 1869, JF used light canc.	37.50	232 ■	#C3 24c Air, JF mint top Arrow blks of 4	27.50
71 ○	#121 30c 1869, F-VF used	25.00	233 ■	#C4-C6 8c-24c, Airs, F-VF mint NH	14.35
72 ○	#121 30c 1869, JF used light canc. Ironed out crease	25.00	234 ■	#C4-C6 8c-24c, 2nd. iss. Air, JF mint	14.35
73 ○	#122 90c 1869, VF used light Canc.	92.50	235 ■	#C10 3c Air, F-VF mint 2nd. iss. Air, JF mint	11.75
74 ○	#122 12c 1869, VF mint	25.00	236 ■	#C10A 10c Pan-American, JF-F mint cpl. Booklets of 2 Panes	7.00
75 ○	#136 3c Green, JF-F mint	10.00	237 ■	#C10A 10c-40 Air, F-VF mint Plate blks	6.00
76 ○	#138 7c Vermilion, Fine used light Canc.	17.50	238 ■	#C11-12 1c-41c 1c-41c Parcel Post less 50c, F-VF mint sgl.	46.72
77 ○	#138 7c Grill, JF used Blue Canc.	20.00	239 ■	#C10 50c Parcel Post, Fine mint NH	14.00
78 ○	#144 90c Vermilion, JF-F used light Canc.	52.50	240 ■	#C10 50c Parcel Post, Fine mint NH	14.00
79 ○	#149 7c Vermilion, Fine mint Corner Crease	20.00	241 ■	#E9 10c Sp. Del. Perf. 10, F-VF mint	6.50
80 ○	#155 90c Carmine, Fine mint	72.50	242 ■	#E10 10c Sp. Del. Perf. 10, JF-F mint NH	17.50
81 ○	#155 90c Carmine, Fine used	14.00	243 ■	#E10 10c Sp. Del. Perf. 10, JF-F mint	17.50
82 ○	#156-163 1c-30c Fine used	21.62	244 ■	#RW1-5-6, 10-16, 17 Ducks, JF-F mint (Face \$8.00)	37.25
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ANDORRA

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Andorra", in which the author, Lawrence L. Klingman, not only reviews the history, but recounts his personal observations and experiences when on a visit there.

It is profusely illustrated, with many of the scenes in colors. The first picture to attract my attention was a close-up view of a woman posting a stampless letter in a street mail box. Beneath it is the caption, "Andorrans Lick Few Stamps; Internal Postage Fees Free."

Andorra is the only country I know of that has free mail service within its own borders. This happens because both the Spanish and French governments in effect exercise a joint overlordship there. Both maintain a postal service for outgoing and incoming foreign postal matter, but handle local mail free.

The overlordship goes back to the Middle Ages when about every feudal lord in Europe was either attempting to extend his authority by a force of arms or fighting to defend his domain from the other fellow. Naturally these private wars were carried into Andorra. An agreement was arrived at whereby Andorra was placed under joint overlordship of the Spanish Bishop of Seo de Urgel and the French Count of Foix.

That was way back in the 1200's. The people were left with a local government under an elected Grand Council. Andorra then went its medieval way until the advent of the automobile gradually brought an end to its isolation from the rest of Europe. Its quaintness and mountains have made it a popular summer vacation place and a stopover for tourists to and from France and Spain. To attract and accommodate visitors modern hotels, shops and movie theaters have been provided. And Andorra has one of the few, if not the only privately owned and operated radio stations in Europe.

If persons in other European countries tire of the programs of their government stations or are disgusted with the "Big Lies" from Iron Curtain countries they can tune in Radio Andorra for entertainment and enlightenment on various commercial products.

The Andorrans, like the Swiss and Swedes, grew wealthy out of the wars of their neighbors. Their first opportunity came with the Spanish Civil War. They supplied the Republican (Communist) side with about everything they could pay for, and if I remember cor-



UN VARIETY At the base of the building of the above 1½ UN stamp is a flaw which has all the appearance of having been caused by dirt on the printing plate. It has a shape somewhat similar to a boomerang. Murray Langsam of New York City discovered the miscue in a block which was affixed to a first day cover in his possession.

rectly the Republicans had the Spanish government's gold reserve to spend. Towards the end of World War II a writer described Andorra as a big department store that could supply practically all scarce goods and luxury articles at black-market prices.

And then when the French government commenced to market the billions of dollars worth of U.S. Army equipment and supplies, given it, at near scrap prices it was reported, the Andorrans had the cash to get around the restrictions that limited sales to French nationals, to acquire fleets of U.S. Army trucks, jeeps, passenger cars and tractors for resale in Spain at several times over the purchase prices.

For centuries the most profitable occupation for the young and active men was the smuggling of contraband goods into France and Spain. The big money was in tobacco, grown in Andorra, which was a government monopoly in both France and Spain. This was not an amateur business. There were fences in France who paid for the contraband and supplied goods in demand in Spain for the return trip. There were similar setups in Spain.

I mentioned that both Spain and France maintained a postal service in Andorra to handle foreign mail. If you are curious about the reason for this, it is because there are many more Andorrans and their immediate descendants living abroad, mostly in France

and Spain, than in their native land.

This situation occurs partly from a feudal law or custom under which one son inherits the bulk of the family property, especially the land. The other children thus have to emigrate to find employment. Besides during more recent years several thousand tourists visit the republic each summer.

Spain did not provide its post office in Andorra with special postage stamps until 1926, and then they were of the regular Spanish issue overprinted, "Correos/Andorra", in two lines. The first definitive Spanish-Andorran stamps was a set of pictorials in 1931.

The first French-Andorran stamps were also of the regular series of France overprinted, "Andorre." The French came across with a set with Andorran scenic views in 1932-40. They are inscribed, "Valles d'Andorre" (Valleys of Andorra), the French name of the country.

All of the stamps of the republic, both Spanish and French issues, are listed and described in Scott's catalog, and therefore I shall explain the significance of only one stamp subject, which in my opinion, is of the most interest.



Magazine visited the postmaster of the French-Andorran post office. This official revealed that he received many mail orders for mint stamps from America, but regulations prevented him from filling them. This apparently was back in 1948.

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CHAPTER XV

A positively unlooked for bonus in this Defense Error study and series of articles came along for "yours truly" in a curious manner in the spring of 1947.

It all started when a wholesale stamp dealer, a southerner whom I shall call Mr. X, wrote to me in Columbus and told me not to miss including in my study A. J. Mitula's find of the vertical pairs at Houston. This Mr. X said he lived in Houston for about a year and had had personal dealings with Mr. Mitula.

The Houston find was described by Mr. X as comprising: "Ten sheets that contained three consecutive vertical pairs, imperforate between, and about 20 sheets containing a block and one pair." That would be the equivalent of about 90 pairs. I acknowledged the letter, thanking him for the information and telling him that I had had some good correspondence with Mr. Mitula.

Then began a curious chain of correspondence.

Mr. X also wrote that he had purchased one of the 10 blocks of six that Mr. Mitula had found. Said he: "I purchased this as an investment. Not long ago, Phillip Ward offered a part-perf Parks block, of which he said there were only 10 known, for \$650. I figured my block of six is worth that much, at least."

In a few days, I received the block in question. Mr. X had mailed it to me in a 3c envelope, neither registered nor insured. Enclosed was this note: "Please examine this and tell me if this block of six (not counting the right hand pair) is imperforate horizontally or if it contains blind perfs, in your opinion." He also enclosed a "self-addressed (3c) envelope for your convenience."

In a day or two, after examining the interesting piece under powerful magnification and light, and knowing something about the Mitula material, I wrote Mr. X as follows:

"If I were selling the piece, I believe I could claim in good faith that it was an imperf block of six—at least as imperf as other material coming from the Mitula find. However, if I were buying the piece, it might be another matter and I would think twice before paying any considerable premium for the first pair on the left."

"I do not believe there is any paper break. However, the pair plainly shows the pressure of the perforating pins . . . Is this the block of six you bought for an investment and about which you wrote me a week ago?"

I enclosed the block between heavy cards and returned it to Mr. X by registered mail. I had a card of acknowledgement: "Yes, Mr. Olson, this is the block that I got from Mitula. It cost me \$75 and that is what I will take for it if you are interested."

This note amazed me but before I had an opportunity to reply, I received a long letter from Mr. Mitula. He said he had heard from "Mr. X" who had demanded that Mitula refund \$25 of the purchase price, and he enclosed the letter I had written, containing my opinion on the block.

Wrote Mr. Mitula: "I sold him the block 'as is' for \$75. My price for blocks of four has always been \$75. He got the block of six. I don't see why I should refund \$25."

"You know the value of these blocks. What do you think? What would you do? I have the letter you wrote him. This man selected the very best block I had. The price for the piece was \$75. Why should I refund \$25?"

There I was—"the guy in the middle"—and that's what I wrote to Mr. Mitula. I tried to explain how I happened to write the opinion and I suggested that Mitula write to Mr. X and offer to refund the full purchase price upon return of the block, undamaged. I offered to pay Mr. Mitula \$80 for the block, if it was returned to him. I wrote: "In that way, Mr. X will be happy, you

will be off the spot and \$5 richer, and I will be very happy to have the block as a showpiece."

So that was the way it all turned out. However, Mr. X did not miss the opportunity to rake Mitula over the coals in returning the block. Mitula sent me the letter from Mr. X when he forwarded the block, and I made a copy of it for my files. Wrote Mitula: "Here is the block (Mr. X) sent back to me and what language he used! I am not much in his opinion . . . I am just about out of the vertical errors now (June, 1948). The only one to complain has been Mr. X. What would you do as to this situation?"

I tried to explain it away as a personality clash and asked Mr. Mitula please not to hold anything against Mr. X. "He probably is not to blame for some of the things he writes. Someone may have been working on him and like a lot of us, he may have stewed about it, fretted over it, until he found a certain measure of relief in letting himself go in a letter."

Should he write to you again, try to treat him just as though nothing had happened between you two and start from scratch." From my correspondence with the man, I'm sure that's exactly what Mr. Mitula would do—forgive and forget. Life's too short to carry a grudge.

NEXT WEEK: More of the Defense Error discoveries.

Germans Improvise
Cancellation Die

An interesting item in connection with a World War II cover from Guernsey of the Channel Islands has been brought out by Egon Lasus of Toledo, Ohio.

Guernsey was occupied at an early date in the war by the Germans. Before the postmaster and his staff fled the island they destroyed the postmarking and cancelling devices plus other post office equipment.

The British population which remained, the Channel Islands belong to England, still were allowed to correspond among each other through the remaining mail system.

In order to have a postmarking device for the dating of the mail through the cancelling machine the Germans found an old die for the year "1940" and the year was "1941".

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CANADA. Canada has just released designs for new 4c and 20c stamps. These were selected in a competition recently closed. The 4c displays the head of a Bighorn or Rocky Mountain Sheep.

The design for the 20c "Forestry Products" that are manufactured from Canada's great timber resources. It is expected that these two stamps will be released early in 1952.

BAHAMAS. Some time ago this column showed a copy of the 6d Landfall of Columbus stamp with Columbus incorrectly spelled COIUMBUS. The 1952 Commonwealth Catalogue lists this error and also the 4d error—UNPRICED.

At a recent auction sale a copy of this 6d error sold for \$15.00. This is evidently the first time that any price has been established.

AUSTRALIA. For several years this column has mentioned the scarcity of the 3d stamp No. 170 priced by Scott at 50c. Finally the 1952 catalogue increased the price to \$6.00.

In a recent auction sale a mint block of four sold for \$17.50.

BRITISH HONDURAS. The semi-postal set B1/5 is really scarce mint or used. At a recent auction sale a complete set on registered cover sold for \$10.00.

KENYA-UGANDA. In the issue of March 12, 1951 this column suggested checking your copy of the 50c gray black and red violet stamp (No. 69). Scott's type A13 shows two ropes attached to the sail—BUT—this stamp exists with the upper rope NOT joined to the sail.

The catalogue price of this variety is 9 Pounds in Gibbons and 8 Pounds in the 1952 Commonwealth catalogue.

A mint block of four, three normal and one error sold at a recent auction sale for \$27.50.

BRITISH HONDURAS. The best test of real value is usually the price realized at an auction sale. A mint set of the scarce Silver Wedding stamps sold recently at auction for \$12.50.

CAYMAN ISLANDS. Although not mentioned by Scott, the 1917 War Tax stamps, MR1 and MR2 exist without a fraction bar in 1/2. These are priced and listed in Gibbons and MR1 is priced at 50/-.

A mint block of six MR1, with one stamp without this fraction bar sold at a recent auction sale for \$9.00.

There was one of these errors in each sheet of 100 stamps.

INDIA. The 25R stamp No. 76 is quite scarce and underpriced by Scott at \$27.50.

The 1952 Gibbons prices this stamp at 15 Pounds and at a recent auction sale a mint copy sold for \$23.50 which looked cheap.

NORTHERN RHODESIA. The recently superseded 2d and 3d stamps appear to be potential sleepers. None of these obsolete colors are available in London and dealers there are endeavoring to buy these stamps in the United States.

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Mrs. Maja Christiansen, a Danish lady, and prominent member of the National Council of Women of South Africa, founded, with the aid of the national council, the Union of South Africa Christmas Fund which was inaugurated in December 1929. At this time the first Christmas seal was issued and seals have appeared yearly since.

Chairman of the fund is the mayor of Durban, who is selected each year, and treasurer of the fund is the city treasurer of Durban. The national committee has appointed area committees in five districts of the Union. These committees act as separate bodies but are answerable to the head office.

In three districts, preventoria (known as Sunshine Homes) have been established. Natal Preventorium was opened at Pietermaritzburg in July 1936, with one child. To date approximately 2,000 children have been admitted. An additional wing was opened in 1939 and at present there are accommodations for 120 children.

Cape Western Area (Cape Province) Sunshine Home was opened in October, 1941. It is in two sections, one home housing 40 colored children and the European section accomodating 60 children.

Cape Eastern Area (Cape Province) Queenstown Preventorium was opened in February 1944, and caters to native and colored children. This home was built to accommodate 250, but as some of the dormitories are being used as classrooms, only 180 children are accepted. To date approximately more than 3,000 children have passed through the three homes.

Since 1929, when sale of seals raised approximately 786 Pounds, the annual intake has risen gradually until in 1950 the sum of 45,073 Pounds was realized.

Competitions have been held each year, until 1950 to secure suitable designs for the seals. Following is a list of the winning competitors where known:

- 1929—Unknown
- 1930—Unknown
- 1931—Miss Betty Walpole
- 1932—Miss Sylvia Baxter
- 1933—Mr. Victor Cohn
- 1934—Unknown
- 1935—Design submitted by Na-

Sample of a seal tete beche with a slogan tab.

1931 sheets consisted of 120 seals and have so existed to date.

During the years that two distinct seals were issued, both the seals were printed in one sheet with the two designs alternating. In some years one-half the sheet was printed in reverse to the other half to facilitate cutting them for booklet panes. Thus from the full sheets it is possible to obtain various combinations of se-tenant and tete beche pairs. From 1934 to date small book-

lets have also been issued which contain panes consisting of six seals to each pane. These were issued in various denominations such as 6d, 1sh, 2sh, 2sh-6d, 3sh, 5sh and 10sh. Each booklet cover was printed in a different color according to denomination.

Slogan seals were incorporated into the sheets for the years 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948. In 1943 the slogan seals consisted of half seals at each side of the sheet. The 1944 sheets were issued both with and without slogan seals.

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CUBA—Two stamps marking the first flight of Augustin Parla from Key West, Fla., to Mariel, Cuba will appear during March. Values will be 8c. and 25c.

PHILIPPINES—Three new issues are anticipated during the new year, according to the official Philippine Journal of Philately. The first, probably due in January, will mark the Golden Jubilee of the Philippine Educational System. There will be one stamp, a 5 centavo vermilion, showing two Filipino children carrying their books with the official seal of the Department of Education in the center.

The second will be a semi-postal, for the Aurora A. Quezon Fruit Tree Memorial, showing a bust of Mrs. Quezon flanked by mango trees. Values will be 5c plus 1c blue and 6c plus 2c red.

The third issue comprises three stamps and marks the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Values are: 5c green; 6c orange and 18c blue. In the design there are people, representative of the races engaged in the struggles for human rights—civil, political, religious, economic and social—steadily marching towards new horizons, following the light cast by the legendary goddess of Liberty.

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SCOTT CATALOG

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C3 has repeatedly been offered him this fall at 10 cents above or below Gibbons, and likewise No. C1—so evidently that price list really does report the market. Experience on other stamps bears out this statement about the validity of the Gibbons list as a market report.

In making this comparison, the prices compared are for as nearly as possible stamps of like quality and condition, as closely as the bases of the various lists permit. The 10% difference which is mentioned as allowable, is based upon statistical studies of the fallibility of probability of error in human judgment, made in other fields but quite clearly applicable here. Such studies are well known among psychologists, so no reference need be given.

I forbear to list further price errors, however striking.

Competition is further kept on being invited by Scott because factual misstatements don't get corrected. Thus, the new but still inaccurate cuts for U. S. types A45a and A46a, the inclusion of non-existent U. S. No. 164, the retention of confusing and even inaccurate color names, are all grist to the mill of some potential competitor.

The potentiality of such a competing catalog becomes greater year by year. Scott could well afford to maintain their profitable monopoly and continue to give collectors the advantage of having only one set of catalog numbers to use, by intelligently improving their product, the catalog, year by year. The need to buy two catalogs and the cost thereof, means diminishing the

money we have for stamps. At present "U. S. 594" means the same thing to everyone; but it would not, if we had two catalogs.

Wake up, Scott Publications! Can you afford to jeopardize your present position by unintelligent handling of your present monopoly? Vanderbilt said "The public be damned" and nearly went broke with the New York Central Railroad ere he bought up and consolidated into his road the West Shore, built to compete after he uttered those candid words about his own actions.

UNION OF S. AFRICA

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to receive the full set of five stamps should be no less than 9 x 4 inches in size, contain a light stuffer and bear a name and address.

The South West Africa post office advises that all orders for the stamps or the servicing will be made as expeditiously as possible. But because of the great quantity of orders for both stamps and covers expected inquiries about the orders for either should not be sent until after June 15.

International Exhibition

On March 26 a post office will be opened in the old Drill Hall, Capetown, which will house an international stamp exhibition.

Mail matter posted at this office will be postmarked with a cancelling device reading, "Internationale Posseeluitstalling, Kaapstad—International Stamp Exhibition, Cape Town".

The exhibition will close April 5.

For this event the 1d and 2d denominations of the Van Riebeck postage stamps will be ov-

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erprinted—the 1d "SATISE" and the 2d "SADIPU".

The letters are taken from the initial letters of the "South African Tercentenary International Stamp Exhibition" and "Suid-Afrikaanse Drie-honderdjarige Internasionale Posseeluitstalling".

These overprinted stamps will be on sale only at the International Stamp Exhibition Post Office during the period March 26 to April 5 inclusive.

Orders for these stamps are to be addressed to "The Organizers, SATISE, P. O. Box 558, Cape Town, Union of South Africa. Payment by International Money Order only.

Van Riebeck Festival Commemorative Cover

At the request of the Van Riebeck Festival committee the organizers of the exhibition are producing an official first day cover.

It will mark the Festival Fair generally and will be available separately in English and Afrikaans. A colorful cachet will appear on each.

These envelopes to which complete sets of the Van Riebeck commems will be affixed are sold at 2/6 each.

Orders for covers serviced with a full set of the five stamps on the first day of issue (March 14) are to be sent, with International Money Order payment, to "The Organizers, SATISE (First Day), P. O. Box 558, Cape Town, Union of South Africa".

Orders for covers to be postmarked April 6 with the special commemorative postmark, and the payment, are to be sent to "The Organizers, SATISE (Commemorative), P. O. Box 558, Cape Town, Union of South Africa".

Payment is to be made out to "The Organizers, SATISE, Cape Town, U. of S.A."

Readers are urged to follow directions as given above very closely and to use the addresses for each of the various services offered. Confusion and disappointment will therefore be avoided.

It might be appropriate to point out that the Union of South Africa and South West Africa are two altogether different units of the British Commonwealth of Nations although they are neighbors.

One shilling (1/-), equal to 12d is worth approximately 14c in United States money.

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WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE
Editor—Bull-Mooser

Born in Emporia, Kans. 1868—died in 1944. Known as "The Sage of Emporia", he gained his book-learnin' at the University of Kansas, but at age 27 we find him full-throttle-ahead as proprietor and editor of the EMPORIA GAZETTE, out there in Kansas.

In short order he developed this small newspaper into one of the most notable in the U. S., distinguished for its policies and editorials, which latter, I believe, were printed daily on page 1, and written by the boss-man himself expressing his thoughts and ideas in no uncertain terms.

One of the most poignant of such editorials was penned after the accidental death of his teenage daughter, and it is rapidly becoming an English classic, and now generally a "must" reading in most high schools in the land.

When "W. A." wasn't too busy managing his paper, he was writing books on many subjects, and when he wasn't writing books he was attending national conventions; they say he missed nary a one, Republican or Democratic, in more than three decades.

He was a great personal friend of Teddy Roosevelt, and when his idol muffed the nomination to Taft in 1908 and decided to run independent under the "Bull Moose" banner, White went all-out for that new party, until it went poooof! after Teddy's rejection at the polls.

Nevertheless, William Allen White had readied for himself a shrine all his own, which he occupies comfortably since he passed out of this world in 1944.

H.M. Brehm
NEW LONDON, WIS.

Will Confer Master Of Philately Degree

A Saturday afternoon meeting has been scheduled by the Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee, Wis. on January 19.

To be held at Kenwood Temple, 2648 N. Hackett Ave., it will be the 150th consecutive session of the group.

Activities are to begin at 2 p.m. During the afternoon Stanley Polacheck will give a demonstration of the use of black light in the inspection of stamps.

Later, the Master of Philately degree will be exemplified and conferred under the direction of Carl R. Oestreich to qualified members.

Garfield-Perry Readies Annual March Party

Specialized fields of philately are being featured each week with emphasis on arrangement and exhibition in preparation for the 62nd Anniversary and Exhibition of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland.

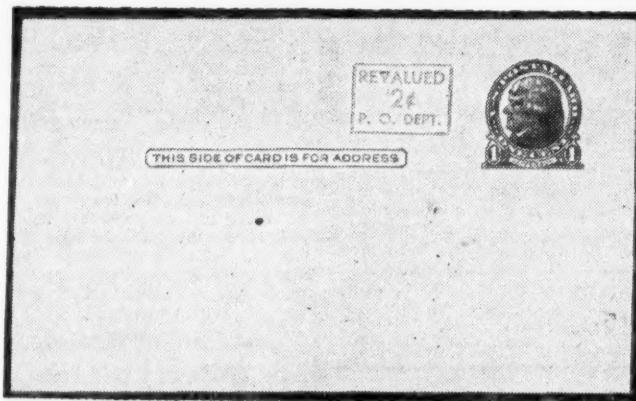
Held annually in the ballroom of the Allerton Hotel this exhibition and bourse is the largest in northern Ohio and is anticipated by many collectors.

This show is under the guidance of Wm. D. Preston and inquiries regarding arrangements may be addressed to the club in care of the Allerton Hotel, Cleveland 14 Ohio.

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Will Eliminate Canada SD Stamp

When current stocks of the 10¢ special delivery stamp are exhausted in Canada, there will be no more of them.

That is the decision reached and announced by the Canadian Post Office Department. Reason for dropping the stamp was its comparatively small sale.

Patrons will use 10¢ worth of the regular stamps to prepay the special delivery fee, besides which mail to be serviced must be prominently marked for it.

Damage 600 Mail Bags In Car Fire

Six hundred bags of Christmas mail, including parcel post, were severely damaged by both water and fire in a mail car conflagration near Brantford, Ontario, Canada Christmas week.

Most of it was for delivery in the London and Windsor areas.

The postal coach was on an early morning Toronto to London trip. The fire was discovered enroute, burning for several miles before the train reached Brantford and the attention of the fire

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